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Security Council

10 a.m. — 5587th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 4

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

10.45 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

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Other matters

3 p.m. — 5588th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2006/906)

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. — 76th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (A/61/611): draft resolution (para. 7) [67 (b)]

3 p.m. — 77th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/483) [110]

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Main Committees

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10 a.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/61/576 and A/61/615)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.12

3. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [120]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.7

4. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [144]

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   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 144 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/61/588, A/60/986 and A/61/616))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5, A/60/846/Add.5/Corr.1 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

6 p.m. . . . . Informal "informal" consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Committee.

Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5, A/60/846/Add.5/Corr.1 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ... Trusteeship Council Chamber

[Documents A/60/877 and A/61/494]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 10

1. First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007
2. Executive session on the strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 2

[Document E/CN.18/AC.1/2006/1]

Peacebuilding Commission

First session

Sierra Leone configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting ... Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting ... Conference Room 1

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 13 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room C, on matters related to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Asian Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

African Group (Second Committe experts)

11.15 a.m.–1.15 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Wednesday, 13 December 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia), President of the Economic and Social Council (on the reform of the Economic and Social Council)

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

1.15 p.m. H.E. Mr. Don MacKay (New Zealand), Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (on the adoption by the General Assembly of the Convention) [He will be joined by two leaders of the International Disability Caucus (Ms. Pamela Molina Toledo, Corporación Ciudadania Real de Sordos de Chile; and Ms. Tina Minkowitz, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry)]

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 14 December 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 78th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/61/L.48) . . . . . [104]

3 p.m. 79th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. University for Peace: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/404) . . . . . [28]
2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/405) . . . . . [29]
3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/406) . . . . . [30]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/407) [31]

5. Report of the Special Committee to investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/408) [32]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/409) [33]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/410) [34]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/411) [35]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/412) [36]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/413) [37]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/414) [38]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/415) [39]

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/416) [110]

14. Programme planning: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/61/417) [118]

15. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/61/L.45) [69]

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/61/L.42, A/61/L.44 and A/61/L.46)

    (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/61/L.47)

16. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/227/Add.1) [105 (a)]

17. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [106 (f)]

18. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [106 (g)]

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 14 December 2006, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Informal "informal" consultations (closed) will be held at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Resumed session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a resumed session on Monday, 18 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to consider the findings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, DPKO (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

There will be a meeting of the Economic and Social Council to commemorate the International Human Solidarity Day, on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Speakers will include H.E. Mrs. Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa, President of the General Assembly, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and Mr. Ad Melkert, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ursula Germann, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4285; e-mail germann@un.org).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16-18 January 2007) will take place on Thursday, 14 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The briefing will focus, in particular, on the following agenda items: UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and the report of the Board of Auditors (item 8 on the provisional annotated agenda); Supplementary support budget for crisis management and business continuity capacity (item 9 on the provisional annotated agenda); Integrated approaches for achieving the Millennium Development Goals: lessons from Africa (special focus item) (item 4 on the provisional annotated agenda); Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (item 6 on the provisional annotated agenda); and Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session

The first regular session of the Executive Board will take place from 16 to 18 January 2007 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than *Friday, 5 January 2007*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 19 January, and on Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, under agenda item 62 (b) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Thursday, 14 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Development Programme

Informal consultation on the UNDP Strategic Plan

Thursday, 14 December 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

First meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2007*

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Second informal consultation on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflit-affected countries

Thursday, 4 January 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing by the Office of the Prosecutor of the Court)

Friday, 15 December 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

UNITAR/UNU Seminar on "The role and functions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations"

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Tuesday, 19 December 2006, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Eastern European Group (at the expert level) (on elections)

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on "AIDS in Latin America" (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador with the support of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

Thursday, 14 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Víctor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Special event on the theme "The protection of migrants' rights: Opportunities and challenges in the wake of the high-level dialogue and the preparations for its follow-up", on the occasion of the International Migrants Day (co-sponsored by the NGO Committee on Migration and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM))

Monday, 18 December 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[All are invited to attend.]

High-level panel discussion in observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, on the theme "New dynamics of South-South and triangular partnerships for development" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Tuesday, 19 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[The panel discussion will be followed by the South-South Partnership Awards ceremony. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rogel Nuguid, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (tel. 1 (212) 906-6944; e-mail rogel.nuguid@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit at the following address: <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent by *today*, 13 December 2006, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Informal consultations of the secretariat of the First Committee on the content of the Web site of the Committee

The secretariat of the First Committee will hold informal consultations with interested delegations on the content of the Web site of the Committee, on Friday, 15 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Hardcopies of the outline of the Web site ("QuickFirst") will be available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977) and will be distributed at the meeting. For further information, please contact the Secretary of the First Committee, Mr. Jarmo Sareva (tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Tuesday, 5 December 2006, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help

interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 11 December 2006

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session for 2006

46th meeting

Non-governmental organizations . . . . . [12]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Following a statement by the President of the Council, statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Norway (also on behalf of New Zealand), Pakistan, Guinea-Bissau, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Mauritania, Germany, Saudi Arabia and Costa Rica.

The Council decided to postpone consideration of the item to its next meeting.

Social and human rights questions: human rights . . . . . [14 (g)]

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report.

47th meeting

Non-governmental organizations . . . . . [12]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Guinea-Bissau and Benin, to which the President, the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA, and the Secretary responded.

Introduction of and action on draft decision E/2006/L.24

The representative of Germany introduced the draft decision. The Council adopted the draft decision, by a roll-call vote of 23 to 16, with 11 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

Introduction of and action on draft decision E/2006/L.25

The representative of Germany introduced the draft decision, on behalf of the European Union.

The Council adopted the draft decision, by a roll-call vote of 23 to 17, with 10 abstentions.

Introduction of and action on draft decision E/2006/L.26

The representative of Germany introduced the draft decision, on behalf of the European Union.

The Council adopted the draft decision, by a roll-call vote of 23 to 16, with 10 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Subsequently, statements were also made by the representatives of China and Benin.

Draft decision VI contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 regular session

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Guinea-Bissau and Germany, to which the President and the Chief, Non-Governmental Organizations Section, DESA, responded.

The Council adopted the draft decision, after which statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Guinea-Bissau.

Draft decision V contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 resumed session

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Organization of work

The President of the Council made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

Security Council

5584th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the Middle East (S/2006/956)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 11 December 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2006/960), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a statement by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

The Council heard statements by The Honourable Mr. Seif Ali Iddi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania; His Excellency Mr. Aleksandr Saltanov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; and Her Excellency Mrs. Diana Strofova, State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; and the representatives of the United States, Argentina, the United Kingdom, the Congo, France, Denmark, Ghana, Greece, Japan, China and Peru.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/51).

5585th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 12 December 2006, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 5585th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Pierre Schori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire."

5586th meeting *The situation in the Middle East*

Letter dated 1 December 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/933)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/52).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

74th–75th plenary meetings

The summary of the 74th and 75th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/240).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

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Governance and oversight review

Implementation of decisions contained in the 2005 World Summit Outcome for action by the Secretary-General: comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide detailed report on accountability"

Accountability measures

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/60/883, A/60/883/Add.1, A/60/883/Add.2, A/60/846/Add.6 and A/61/546).

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on proposals for strengthening the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/60/901).

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on oversight lacunae in the United Nations system

Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies

The Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the reports of that office (A/60/860 and A/60/1004).

Comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the Joint Inspection Unit report entitled "Oversight lacunae in the United Nations system"

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the report of that office (A/60/860/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/605 and 60/909).

The Committee began its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan, the United States, Switzerland, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea.

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and the Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 12 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Karl Van den Bossche (Belgium).

Peacebuilding Commission

First session

Burundi configuration

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) made a statement.

The Commission heard statements by the representatives of Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Rwanda, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the World Bank, the Inter-parliamentary Union and the European Commission, as well as by a representative from civil society.

The Chairman made a statement.

4th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission heard statements by the representatives of Angola, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, India, Jamaica, Pakistan and Uganda.

The Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Commission.

The Deputy Special Representative to the Secretary-General for ONUB made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organizational Committee

3rd meeting

The summary of the 3rd meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/240).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Jordan (4 December 2006)[1]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Cameroon (7 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Cameroon (7 December 2006)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Cameroon (7 December 2006)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Gabon (12 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 40. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor cycles equipped with a positive-ignition engine with regard to the emission of gaseous pollutants by the engine. 1 September 1979

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 40: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 42. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their front and rear protective devices (bumpers, etc). 1 June 1980

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 42: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 43. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of safety glazing and glazing materials. 15 February 1981

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 43: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 44. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of restraining devices for child occupants of power-driven vehicles ("child restraint system"). 1 February 1981

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 44: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 45. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of headlamp cleaners, and of power-driven vehicles with regard to headlamp cleaners. 1 July 1981

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 45: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 47. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of mopeds equipped with a positive-ignition engine with regard to the emission of gaseous pollutants by the engine. 1 November 1981

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 47: (4 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Regulation No. 48. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices. 1 January 1982

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 48: (4 December 2006)[1]

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 48: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 49. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of compression ignition (C.I.) and Natural Gas (NG) engines as well as positive-ignition (P.I.) engines fuelled with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and vehicles equipped with C.I. and NG engines and P.I. engines fuelled with LPG, with regard to the emissions of pollutants by the engine. 15 April 1982

Proposal of amendments to regulation No. 49: (4 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Niger
H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mrs. Mirjana Mladineo

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Rouse

Western European and other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri

Documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 December 2006.

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	First Committee
A/C.1/61/PV.22	Meeting held on 27 October 2006, 3 p.m. [A]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/203/Corr.2	Item 120 — Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency — Budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system [A C E F R S]
A/61/252/Add.4	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/438	Item 61 — Advancement of women — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/610	Items 117 and 132 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, 29, Internal oversight, and 35, Staff assessment — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/612/Corr.1	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials — Members of the International Court of Justice — Judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia — Judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — Ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia — Ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/61/623	Items 117 and 67 (b) — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities — Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/AC.265/2006/L.8/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/624 Items 117 and 71 (a) — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/61/L.30 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.38/Add.1 Item 71 (b) — Oceans and the law of the sea — Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Iceland, Malta, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Tonga, Tunisia and United States of America: draft resolution — Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments — Belgium, Belize, Cape Verde, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and Vanuatu [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.46 Item 69 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe: draft resolution — Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.47 Item 69 (d) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — Assistance to the Palestinian people [A C E F R S]

A/INF/61/4/Rev.3 Programme of work of the General Assembly — Schedule of plenary meetings — Note by the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities
Resumed eighth session

A/AC.265/2006/4/Add.1 Interim report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities on its eighth session [A C E F R S]

A/AC.265/2006/5 Letter dated 5 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman [A C E F R S]

A/AC.265/2006/6 Letter dated 5 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/2006/856	Letter dated 31 October 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/950	Letter dated 7 December 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/951	Letter dated 30 November 2006 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/956	Report of the Secretary-General on the Middle East [A C E F R S]
S/2006/957	Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of the Russian Federation on the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5583	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council	Documents
	Resumed session of 2006
E/2006/32 (Part II)	Item 12 — Non-governmental organizations — Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2006 session [A C E F R S]

Secretariat	
ST/IC/2006/53	Information circular — Revised salary scales for staff in the General Service and related categories at Headquarters [E F (only)]

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